

REMARKS

Claims 8 and 9 remain pending.

Applicants submit herewith a corrected Fig. 5, which has been labeled "Prior Art", in compliance with the requirement set forth in section 1 of the Office Action dated January 15, 2003.

The specification has been amended so as to be in compliance with the drawing change.

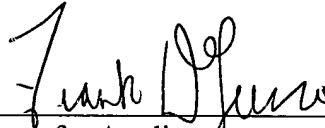
Claims 8 and 9 are believed allowable for the reasons given in the Remarks section of the Amendment filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on April 15, 2003.

Since this Supplemental Amendment is merely supplemental to the Amendment timely filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on April 15, 2003, it is believed that no extension fee is required in connection with this Supplemental Amendment. However, if an extension fee is deemed required, please charge any such extension fee to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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